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# News Release

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## December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 828 million pounds of milk during December, up 7.8 percent from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 66.5 pounds, up 1.3 pounds from December 2013. The dairy herd was estimated at 402,000 head for December, up 22,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from December 2013. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 60.8 pounds in December, 1.1 pounds above December 2013. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.61 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2013, and 16,000 head more than November 2014.

### Milk production, December

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Cows .....1,000 Hd	377	380	402	8,495	8,504	8,611
Daily rate per cow .....Pounds	65.3	65.2	66.5	59.7	59.7	60.8
Production .....Mil lbs	763	768	828	15,726	15,741	16,242